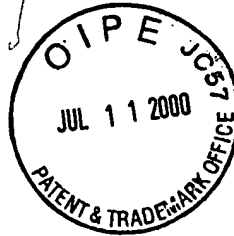


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Applicants hereby petition to make the above-referenced application special under 37 CFR 1.102(d). This petition is accompanied by a statement from the Applicants' representative and a check for \$130.00 to cover the requisite fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified petition to Deposit Account No. 02-4270.

Respectfully submitted,

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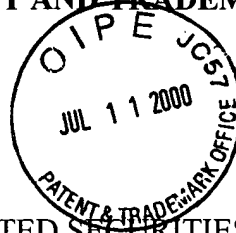
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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)**  
**BASED ON ACTUAL INFRINGEMENT**

1. I, Seth H. Ostrow, am an attorney authorized to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
2. I am aware that there is at least one system actually on the market or method in use which potentially infringes the above captioned pending U.S. patent application.
3. I made a rigid comparison of the alleged infringing system(s) or method(s) with the claims of the above-referenced application, and, in my opinion, some of the claims are unquestionably infringed.
4. A careful and thorough search of the prior art has been made. All such material art is provided to the Examiner as having been filed in application serial No. 08/620,906 (now U.S. Patent 5,950,176) which is the parent of the above-referenced application and being supplemented by the accompanying information disclosure statement.

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